



The Blue Banner

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Re-Union Day, Tuesday, August 31

Father Hugh Mallon Faculty
Representative



The Blue Banner is very pleased to announce the appointment of Father H. V. Mallon as Faculty Representative of the Old Boys' Association. Father Mallon assumes the heavy load of secretary of the Association, and if past performances are any indication of the future, we have every right to feel confident that this organization will now go ahead at a greatly accelerated rate.

Father Mallon, born in Toronto, in Holy Rosary Parish, took his high school course at St. Michael's, from where he graduated in 1926, to the English and History course of the College. Graduated in 1931, ordained to the priesthood in 1934, he comes from a family that has given no less than four priests to the Basilian Fathers. After post-graduate studies leading to the degree of M.A. at the University of Michigan, and five years on the staff of Assumption College, Father Mallon returned to his Alma Mater to become director of athletics. During his seven years in office he was able to secure Canada's outstanding hockey coach, Joe Primeau. Together they achieved spectacular results. For three years in a row, 1945-1947, St. Michael's Majors ruled Canadian junior hockey, winning the Memorial Cup twice.

SCHEDULE

- 11.00 a.m.—Low Mass, St. Basil's Church.
- 12 noon—Luncheon, Brennan Hall.
- 1.00 p.m.—General Meeting, Brennan Hall.
- 6:30 p.m.—Refreshments.
- 7.00 p.m.—Banquet, Brennan Hall.

Don McDonald, General Chairman

Don McDonald is General Chairman. The chairmen of the various committees will be announced in the next issue of the Blue Banner.

The date is set. Plan now to attend. Let the Blue Banner know and the prospect of seeing you here will cause your classmates to plan to attend also.

President's Message

St. Michael's Men:

You have a date on Tuesday, August 31st. We've haggled and wrestled and argued over the best day for you all. Now it's up to you. We want you here.

Look at the schedule of events. Have you any suggestions? What would you like to see on the program? What do you suggest for entertainment? Let us know. It's your party. Write to The Blue Banner. There is lots of time to make adjustments in the program.

But above all be here, and talk it up with your classmates.

Sincerely,

Paul McNameara

President

NEWS BRIEFS

Old Boys will be sorry to hear that since our last issue death has taken two well beloved former teachers: Father Ben Forner, history teacher and author of "The Story of the Church", of late years in parish work in Oklahoma; and Father Leonard Bolan, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute, Rochester, well known English and Religion teacher of the boys from 1936-1944.

The President wired your congratulations to Most Rev. M. C. O'Neill, recently consecrated Archbishop of Regina, an Old Boy of the early twenties. Present at the consecration in Edmonton was Very Rev. E. J. McCormell, C.S.B., former Superior of St. Michael's.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Doug Graham, 1932-35, who has been ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Doug had a surprise visit from one of his old teachers, Father Lee Higgins, football coach in '34, who after some years as Superior of St. Thomas College, Houston, and as chaplain in the U.S. Army, is athletic director at Assumption College.

Father Jack Miller, C.S.B., mathematics teacher and promoter of the Father and Son Banquet of 1940-43, took time off from his studies at the University of Arizona this spring to preach the retreat at St. Thomas College, Houston.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Paul McNamara on the birth of a daughter, Jo-Anne Sarah. The Blue Banner hopes in future issues to keep you informed of births, deaths and marriages among the Old Boys.

Jim Thomson, Gus Mortson, Nick Metz, and Les Costello of the Stanley Cup Champions; Ted Lindsay, All-Star left winger, Johnny Crawford, Len Kelly, Ed Sandford, and Ed Harrison, — all distinguished themselves in the N.H.L. this season. The last three named were frequent visitors to the school.

Father L. K. Shook, C.S.B., 1922-26, professor of English in college, and Ph.D. from Harvard, sails for a year's sojourn in Paris at the end of June.

April issue of the Catholic Digest carried an article on the Basilian Fathers by Father R. J. Scollard, C.S.B., 1920-24, librarian of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies.

In the High Schools Inspector's report on St. Michael's this year we read, "The teachers are to be commended for their faithful efforts to promote the interests of the students despite the burden imposed by the size of the classes."

The best prospect on the Majors, bashing Tim Horton of Sudbury, was sent here by Charlie Cerre, 1926-30, who teaches at Sudbury High. Tim will be back next year. That's what we call Old Boys' support. Have any other old boys any prospects to report?



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REMINISCING

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO— The high school consisted of four classes called Academics, and two Commercial classes . . . In I Academic was Martin Johnson, now The Most Reverend Bishop of Nelson, B.C. . . . Among the wearers of the "M" for football, hockey and handball were G. J. Kirby, and D. J. O'Connor, now Right Reverend Monsignors . . . On March 26 there was a fire in the locker-room, and the year book reported, 'For a while it looked as though it would be a success' . . . The elm was even then called the 'old elm' . . . The Mutual Street Arena was opened, and St. Mike's U.C.C., and St. Andrew's played there in the Prep Group, the latter winning . . . It was a mild winter and the house league games were played at the Arena . . . St. Mike's beat De La Salle in baseball 7-5 on May 15, 1913.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Eight teachers comprised the staff, of whom one was Father T. A. MacDonald, now Pastor of Holy Rosary, and another Father Oliver, pastor of St. Mary's, Owen Sound . . . Charles Knowlton, now College physician, was in III Academic . . . Dr. Jack Egan was in III, and scintillating in goal in hockey and at third in baseball . . . The Thirds, the high school rugby team, beat Jarvis 6-1, Commerce 7-4, and Parkdale 12-2.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — There were eight classes, and only eight full-time teachers . . . Among the eighty boys in Grade I were: Peter Hendriks, Ken McDonell, Lawrence Shook, and Bernard Regan . . . Ross Trimble was a husky defence-man on the midgets . . . Joe Primcane was in III-B . . . Dr. Jos. McRae, of St. Michael's Hospital, was in Honour Matriculation . . . the late Father Bellisle was Principal, and coached the Junior O.H.A. team to the title of Prep Group Champions . . .

Editor's Note: We ask again that you drop us a line giving us news items of interest to the Old Boys. What Old Boys have you met lately? What features would you like to see in your paper? A note to the editor will be greatly appreciated.

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HOCKEY BANQUET

Mr. Alex Samson, Honorary Old Boy, was host to the Majors, Buzzers, and Preps at a banquet at the Royal York Hotel on Wednesday, May 12. Over 75 were present for the dinner, and were entertained with musical selections, and with a sports movie.

Among the special guests were Very Rev. L. J. Bondy, Superior, St. Michael's College; Very Rev. A. Pape, Prior of Our Lady of Grace Shrine, Marylake, King, Ontario; Basilian Fathers V. Thomson, Gorman, Boland, Sheahan, Flanagan, and Mallon; Coach Joe Primeau, Mr. Henry Somerville, Editor of the Canadian Register, and Mr. Henry Bolton, Manager of Maple Leaf Gardens.

Majors and Buzzers of other years present were Len "Red" Kelly of Detroit Red Wings, and Eddie Sandford and Ed. Harrison of Boston Bruins, and Bob DeCourcy of St. Paul Saints.

Recent Visitors

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., Director of the Family Rosary Crusade, who congratulated the boys on the Rosary Campaign that is being carried on in the school. Father Peyton revealed that he was almost a St. Michael's boy himself, having been sent to the seminary by the late Monsignor Paul Kelly of Scranton, Pa., who was a loyal St. Michael's Old Boy, and who sent many aspirants to the priesthood here . . . Fathers J. J. O'Leary of Copper Cliff, and W. C. "Chris" McCarney of Peterboro, returning from the consecration of Archbishop O'Neill . . . Basilian Fathers and former teachers and coaches here, Fathers E. C. "Nig" Lebel, and Lee Higgins of Assumption College . . . Rudy Migay, and Benay Wolt of Port Arthur Memorial Cup Champions . . . Joe Moylan, Cecil Schmalz, Jim Huck, and Leo Gravelle.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — Father Kennedy, the Principal, wrote in his year book message. . . "There are almost 500 boys in attendance and the school is taxed to its capacity." . . . V. I. McIntyre was in St. Basil's Novitiate . . . Basil Regan, now Rev. Principal, was in III-A . . . The Junior O.H.A. team won the Prep Group . . . Among the 500 were Ted Flanagan, Louis Hickey, and Paul McGoev . . . St. Mike's had seven teams in the Toronto Hockey League, and won the first title, the Bantams doing the trick . . .

Father George Phelan's Dramatic Society recently presented a fine performance of "The Bat" at the Museum Theatre . . . Congratulations to Father A. J. Denomy, C.S.B., recently made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL BAND

Annual Concert

Cesar Boire Conducting

Hart House Theatre

May 26, and 27

8.30 p.m.

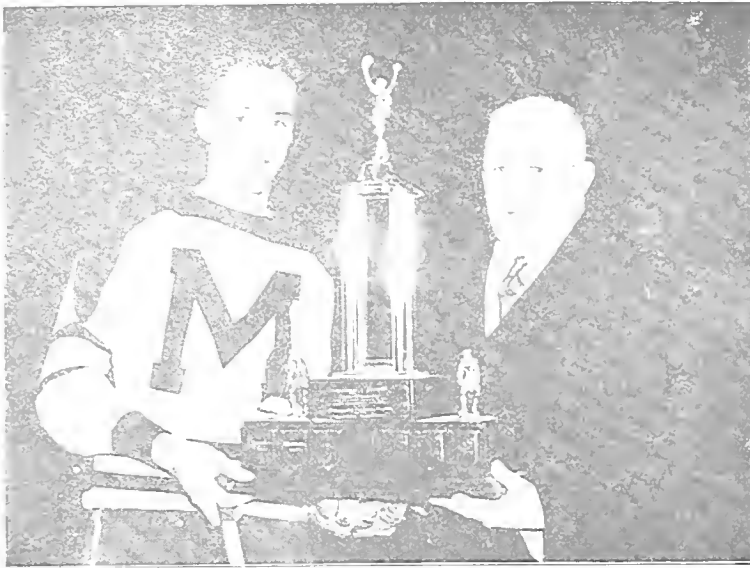
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New Looks at the Old School

The Band, homeless since the auditorium reverted to its aboriginal state as a dormitory, now has a building for its exclusive use, the old Newman Club chapel behind 99 St. Joseph Street . . . Soundproof, too.

The boys have it soft on visits to St. Basil's; cushioned kneelers have been installed . . . The front lawn, west side, has been cleared of trees and telephone poles, and is being landscaped and sodded under the direction of Father Thomson . . . One of the pair of poplars by the St. Mary's Street wall blew down in a recent storm. The one remaining does not provide much hiding space . . .

The kitchen and dining-room of Brennan Hall are being re-modelled this summer to serve meals cafeteria-style . . .

The Students' Entrance, west door, has been reinforced with steel plates, against the inroads of time, and the pressure of hands and feet.

It's a Date - August 31

